

TERRAPIN BATTALION TIMES

Monthly Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK TERPS!

“With a growing emphasis on individual soldier, tasks and individual physical fitness in national OML ranking, this semester, we decided to emphasize personal accountability, attitude, and teamwork. So, all of the cadets in our program are really getting a chance to develop themselves and help develop other people. We’ve planned a lot of great FTXs, labs, and PT events for them to get ready for CST and their future careers!”



c/BC AUBREY HOOVER

PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE CORNER

Greetings Terps,

Last semester flew by with multiple field training exercises (FTXs), various physical training (PT) events (including ruck marching), scholarship awards, and much more. In late December, we finished strong by commissioning nine new 2nd Lieutenants (2LTs) into the United States (US) Army.

This semester we started fiercely with an Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), and Army Combat Water Survival Test (CWST). We also have three FTXs scheduled, including our Joint FTX with Task Force Panther (Bowie and UDEL) in April at Quantico. The seniors will have a staff ride at Antietam while also providing a Battle Analysis of different US Battles. They are getting close to culminating their military science instruction. In late May we will have approximately 20 Cadets commissioning into 2LTs, and the cadre and I are confident they are ready to take on the challenges in the next phase of their journeys.

The MS3 are putting in the extra time and working extremely hard preparing for their Cadet Summer Training. We anticipate that they will do an exceptional job this summer and once again represent the University of Maryland Army ROTC well, as previous classes have done thus far.

Next year we already look strong, and our MS1's and MS2's are being mentored by some of the best ROTC cadets and cadre in the US Army Cadet Command. Additionally, multiple FTXs, PT, and a plethora of events are already being scheduled, and the operational tempo will continue to be intense. Thank you for everything you do, and know we appreciate the commitment and sacrifices that you have endured to ensure the program's success.

LTC Daniel Fass



DANIEL FASS
Lieutenant Colonel

LTC Daniel Fass currently serves as the Professor of Military Science for the University of Maryland (UMD) ROTC program. Before coming to UMD, he was a National Program Manager of Military Construction at the Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC. He spent 3 years at U.S. Army Garrison Miami for the U.S. Southern Command, Doral, FL as a J35 Future Operations Planner.



WINTER COMMISSIONING

The Terrapin Battalion held the Winter Commissioning Ceremony on the early morning of December 17th, 2022. Lieutenant Colonel Fass swore in nine newly commissioned Second lieutenants into the U.S. Army Officer Corps. These outstanding Lieutenants worked hard and diligently throughout their time at the University of Maryland through both academics and ROTC training. They excelled at Cadet Summer Training—proving that they have what it takes to lead. Without a doubt, these Officers will continue their legacy during their time in the Army.

2LT Jasmine Bhullar
Ordnance

2LT Kyle Capano
Field Artillery

2LT Abigail Engle
Chemical Corps

2LT Michael Hinke
Field Artillery

2LT Mariah Jordan
Transportation Corps

2LT Samuel Yi
Quarter Master

2LT Jared Semler
*Military Intelligence Branch
Detail Field Artillery*

2LT Gabriella Schroeder
*Signal Corps Branch Detail
Field Artillery*

2LT Wesley Osakwe
Quarter Master



BATTALION COMMAND & STAFF



Battalion Commander
c/Lieutenant Colonel
Aubrey Hoover




c/Command
Sergeant Major
Jacob Collins




Executive Officer
c/Major
Kyle Sheedy



Public Affairs Officer
c/Captain
Caleb Blanton



Medical Officer
c/Captain
Keiry Perla



Chaplin
c/Major
Daniel Wilson




S-1
c/Captain
Garrett Hinson



S-2
c/Captain
Nathan Cannon



S-3
c/Major
Geo Lim



S-4
c/Captain
Catherine Agostini



S-5
c/Captain
Paul Kim



S-6
c/Captain
Neal Tyler

Shop Assistants
Jake Blum
Ben Fleischer

Shop Assistants
David Chevez
Joseph Kettish


Shop Assistants
John Schull
Kevin Alberg
Kalel Carkeek
Tyler Forcey

Shop Assistants
Erika Bacci
Kaitlyn Sullivan


Shop Assistants
Darren Chang
Joseph Bertz



Operations
c/Sergeant Major
Jay Siliphet



SRTAC
c/Major
Connor Carpenter



Assistant SRTAC
c/Sergeant Major
Nick Hermosilla



Assistant SRTAC
c/Sergeant Major
Raymond Healy

Shop Assistant
Thomas Rhoades



CONTRACTING CEREMONIES

Within the first few weeks of the Semester, the Terrapin Battalion has contracted six Cadets into the program. Cadets must meet physical, fitness, and academic requirements in order to contract into the program.

January 25th, 2023, Cadets Desmond Jordan (MS2), Akira Douglas (MS3), Theodis Hill (MS1), Cole Ackerman (MS1) contracted into the program.

January 26th, 2023, Cadet Rex Kim (MS2) contracted into the program.

February 6th, 2023, Cadet Trevor Knight (MS2) contracted into the program.





ARMY SENIOR LEADER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

On February 2nd, 2023, Terrapin Battalion Cadets had the opportunity to attend the Army Senior Leader Development Course (SLDC) at Howard University to discuss career considerations facing commissioned officers from both current and retired general officers.

The panel was comprised of 10 general officers including Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt.

Gen. Kevin Vereen and was moderated by retired Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison.

Cadets had the opportunity to learn about some of key facets of leadership and how they may be successful within the Army after commissioning. Cadets also had the opportunity to ask direct questions regarding leadership, ethics, and STEM.

“STEM is involved in everything we do in the military and it’s increasingly growing in importance. Leaders of today are leaning on future leaders to develop STEM skills to keep our military innovative and competitive.”

– Cadet Joseph Bertz

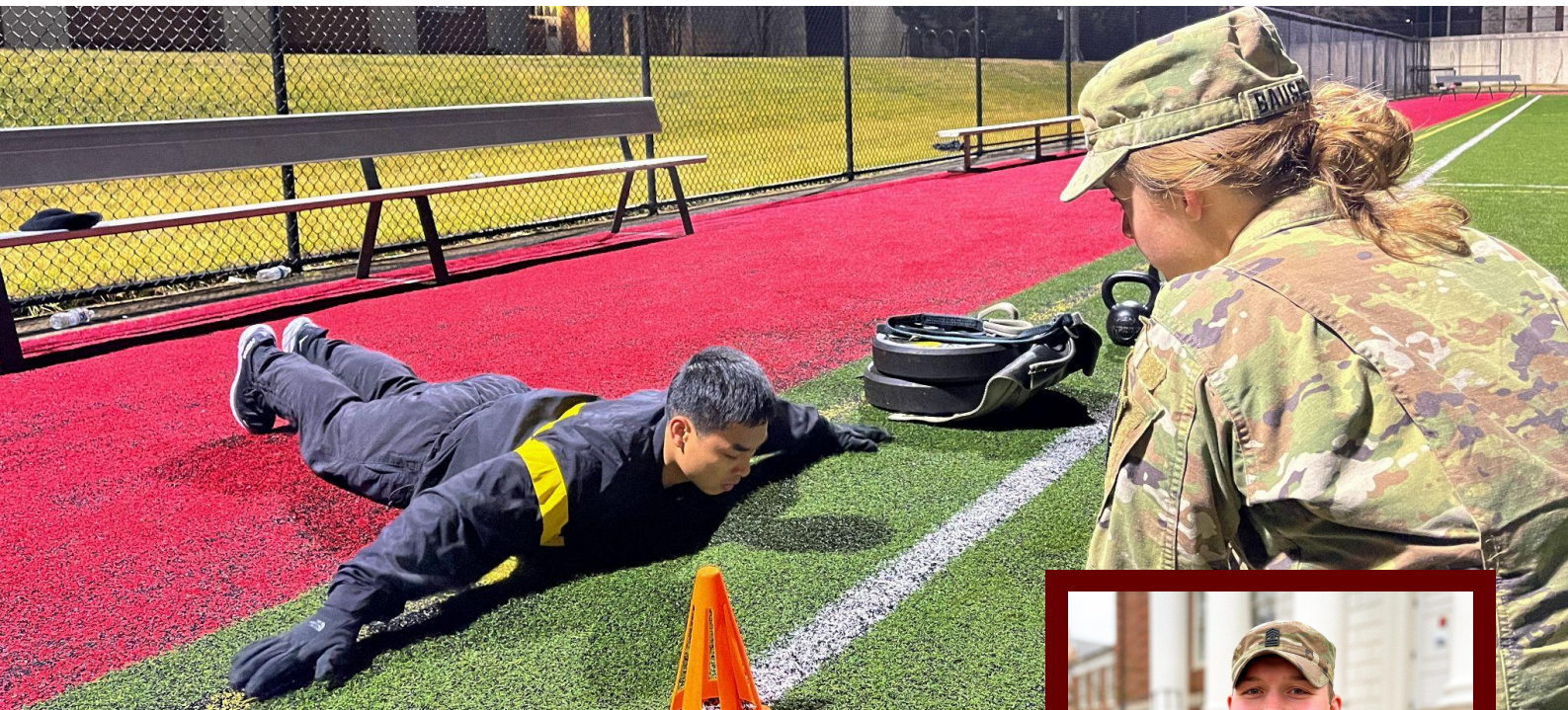
“Hearing from esteemed panel members on topics such as STEM, Leadership, and Ethics, opened my eyes to how the Army is evolving. As a Cadet, it was empowering to see General Officers asking for our questions and points of view as we are the leaders of tomorrow.”

– Cadet Alex Grisham

“The SLDC really opened my eyes to the issues that we as future leaders will face. Listening to General Officers speak of their experiences allowed me to take a step back and really think about the type of leader I want to be in the Army.”

– Cadet Declan Dmitriev





TERPS TAKE ON THE ACFT

The Terrapin Battalion first started preparing for the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) in Fall 2021 when the Army as a whole decided to move away from the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) in favor of the ACFT as a tool to measure a soldier's fitness and readiness.

During the transition phase at CST 2021, Cadets were required to pass the Occupational Physical Assessment Test (OPAT). On April 1, 2022, the ACFT became the official physical assessment for soldiers. However, Cadets attending CST 2022 were only required to take a diagnostic ACFT that would not count toward

their OML while at CST. All Cadets attending this upcoming CST, however, will be required to take the ACFT for record and for their official OML. This year, the ACFT will count for 6 points of the Cadet's OML.



c/CSM JACOB COLLINS

“This semester we are hitting the ground running trying to maximize physical fitness now that the ACFT is an important part of the Cadet OML.”

The ACFT is comprised of 6 Key Events:

- Medial Deadlift*
- Standing Power Throw*
- Hand-Release Push Ups*
- Sprint-Drag-Carry*
- Plank*
- 2-Mile Run*



CADET OF THE MONTH

Within ROTC, Cadet Berger served as the Senior TAC during the Fall 2022 Semester. Throughout his time within the program, he has earned his airborne wings, attended sage eagle, earned the RECONDO tab at

CST, and participated in Color Guard, Drill Team, and Ranger Challenge. He hopes to branch either Infantry or Engineers. Outside of ROTC, Cadet Berger studies Mechanical Engineering and plays in intramural sports.

UPCOMING TRAINING

This semester will focus on building upon the foundational understanding and training from the Fall Semester. MS3s are approaching their capstone training event at Cadet Summer Training (CST) this summer. As such, we have planned rigorous training to ensure all cadets have the knowledge and capability to

outperform all of their peers. Over the next month, Cadets will continue to develop their Platoon-Level Tactics during Leadership Lab, a Land Navigation FTX, and 6-Mile Ruck. Cadets will need to continue studying their ranger handbooks and improving their fitness as we approach JFTX later in the semester.



CADET DANIEL BERGER

“The people, both instructors and cadets, have provided a great environment to learn and develop as a person and a future Army Officer. I’ve had the opportunity to go to some pretty cool events and work with awesome cadets and soldiers from around the country.”